

from the tornus to vein 4, where it merges with the apical patch; its inner edge is straight. On the costa, the apical patch is produced into a black band which extends to the base of the wing, where it is brightened by a light scattering of long yellowish scales. On the hindwing, the apical patch is less quadrangular than that of *grandis*, and is inwardly very diffuse, black scales being scattered for some distance into the tawny-orange portion of the wing, especially on or near the veins. The black discoidal spot usually present in *grandis* is not to be seen in any of the specimens examined.

Underside ♂. The forewing is bright tawny-orange, with a wide yellowish area extending along the hind margin. The costa, apex, and distal margin vary in colour from pale earth-brown to crimson in different individuals; all the spots are small, and those of the median series in areas 1 to 3 tend to obsolescence, or are completely absent; the spot above vein 5 is definitely less far removed towards the base than is the case in *grandis*. The marginal dots are but faintly indicated. The hindwing varies individually from pale earth-brown to dusty crimson; its irregular markings are straw coloured, edged with brown, and are arranged much as in the last named taxon. The marginal dots are not visible.

♀. Like the male, but on the forewing upperside the black distal margin is wider, having a width of approximately 5 mm. at vein 2; its inner edge is scalloped in areas 1, 2 and 3.

Holotype ♂. CAPE PROVINCE: Sutherland, 9.x.1975 (*Dr. J. Kaplan*) (in U.M. Oxford).

Paratypes. CAPE PROVINCE: data as holotype, 2 ♂♂ (in Kaplan Coll.); as holotype, 21.x.1973, 1 ♀ (in Kaplan Coll.) and 1 ♀ (allotype in U.M. Oxford).

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AGRIOPIS MARGINARIA FAB. F. FUSCATA MOSLEY. — On 6th April, 1976 I found a specimen of the melanic f. *fuscata* Mosley of the Dotted Border in my M.V. trap in the garden here. This is the first time I have seen this form in Suffolk, but I found an example in a water butt at R.A.F. Kirkham, Lancashire in 1943. In his note in the *Record* of June 1976, Baron de Worms mentions a record from Surrey and suggests that it would be of interest to hear of other records from other southern counties. — H. E. CHIPPERFIELD, Walberswick, Suffolk.